



A BALANCED VIEW

Equilibrium

In the envelope containing this issue of A Balanced View you will find your copy of

Equilibrium, Issue #1, 2003. Under normal circumstances and normal publishing dates, you should have received this issue at the beginning of this calendar year. As most of you are aware, this is the last issue prepared under the Editorship of Diana Crawford-Hitchins. As many of you also know, Diana has had personal and family health problems that have greatly contributed to the delay in the publication of Equilibrium. Last year at this time I stated in this newsletter "It is our goal to "catch up" during the rest of this year (2002) and return to our normal publication dates.....". Needless to say, we were not able to do so.

As I also announced in that issue, Ruth Willard will be the new Editor of Equilibrium, effective with issue #2, 2003. I am pleased to announce that under the leadership of Ruth and Jan, Issue #2 is near completion and should be mailed to you in late July or early August. I believe that by the beginning of next year that we will be on schedule. It has been a most trying two years, but I want to compliment Diana, Ruth and Jan for producing such outstanding journals in the face of such adversity.

San Antonio Convention

The 25th ISASC convention was held from May 15th through May 18th at the Sheraton Gunter Hotel in the unique and historic city of San Antonio, Texas. From the feed-back I received, all who attended seemed to have greatly enjoyed the weekend.

Thursday --- To start the activities, we had a celebration dinner on the world famous Riverwalk.

Friday --- Friday morning we took a tour highlighting the historic and cultural influences that shaped San Antonio into the vibrant city that it is today. That evening the "scale talk" started rewving up over a buffet dinner as members shared their albums and tales of new acquisitions.

Saturday --- The Saturday morning programs featured "Roadshow--ISASC'S Style" led by Bob Jibben, "Research for the Unique and Unusual" with Ruth Willard and Jan Berning, and "eBay -- The Graduate Seminar" led by Steve Beare. What made all three presentations most entertaining and informative was the very active participation by so many members in the audience.

Saturday also featured the traditional Silent Auction and "let's Make a Deal" in the afternoon. The high point of the weekend was the Saturday night gala reception and banquet in the beautiful Crystal Ballroom in the Gunter Hotel.

Sunday --- On Sunday morning the discussion on scales continued with a presentation by

our English colleague, Charles Sait, who gave a lively program about the London scale makers of the 18th Century. An extended business meeting, town hall style, filled the rest of the morning giving members an opportunity to express their opinions on a variety of issues. The convention concluded with a delicious buffet luncheon giving people the chance to say their goodbyes.

The Thank You's -- The trouble with listing the people you want to thank for conducting an activity such as our San Antonio convention, is that you are likely to exclude some folks who also contributed. I am going to take that chance. Above all, I want to thank, in no particular order, Carol and Bob Hayden, and Judy and Eric Soslau, for "putting on" the convention. Their planning, foresight, and good humor made the convention a great success.

Thanks also to Bob Jibben, Steve Beare, Ruth Willard, Jan Berning, Charles Sait, and all the others who made the various program presentations so informative. Thanks also to all those who helped with the Silent Auction. Without the volunteers we would not be able to hold our annual conventions.

2004 --- Minneapolis

I am truly pleased to announce that our 2004 convention will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in mid-May. Bob Jibben, with the assistance of Ruth Shaw and other Minnesota members, has agreed to be program chairman. As this newsletter goes to print,

we are still negotiating with the Minneapolis hotels regarding specific dates, rates and facilities. In the next issue of A Balanced View I will give you all the details.

Directors' Reports

I have asked members of the Board of Directors to contribute items of information, from time to time, for this newsletter so that we are all up to date on what is happening with your Society.

Ruth Willard, Incoming EQM Editor

From the very first issue of *Equilibrium*, published in Spring, 1878, Diana Crawford-Hitchins has played a major role in its production. During the first decade she served as Michael Crawford's able Assistant Editor, also producing the first comprehensive Index. After Michael's death in October, 1988, she assumed full responsibility for the magazine, serving as Editor through the current issue, 2003 No. 1. Since 1990, she has been ably supported by Leslie Hitchins. Since 1994 it has been my honor and pleasure to serve as her Associate Editor, charged with the responsibility of increasing the American contributions to EQM. With this issue Diana is completing her term as Editor, but she promises to continue sharing her extensive knowledge and writing skill with us and also provide one more up-dated Index. Diana, we thank you for your immense contribution to our collecting pleasure and wish you every happiness in your future life.

In a short time readers will be receiving EQM 2003 No. 2. Our editorial team, which includes Jan Berning, Associate Editor, and John Knights, European Coordinator, have been hard at work preparing an issue we think you will enjoy. We are firmly committed to maintaining EQM's international flavor, and also open to what ever innovation readers may suggest. To that end a questionnaire will be included in an upcoming President's Newsletter. Be thinking about your preferences. We want to hear from you!

Jerry Wilson, Chairman of the Endowment Committee.

We on the Endowment Committee received a good "shot in the arm" at our meeting in San Antonio. Repeatedly we were approached by members who share our feeling that, by virtue of the unique nature of our hobby and its historic significance, we have an obligation to society to help preserve our artifacts, some of which may become priceless, and all of which will gradually disappear if nothing is done.

In the judgment of the committee, one of our first efforts should be to do what we can to slow the fore mentioned "gradual disappearance". We believe there are, among our members, many who

would like to see their prize scales and weights preserved for posterity and displayed in a museum setting and who, recognizing our individual and organizational obligation to future generations, would welcome ISASC help in accomplishing such a goal.

We are pleased to announce that ISASC can now help move us toward that goal! Now that we have the Everett Fund, ISASC can accept gifts of scales, or scale collections, and guarantee to provide safe and adequate storage for such, and even assure limited exhibition capability while our scale holdings grow. A museum is now foreseeable in our future!

Much more can be told about our progress than can be included in this report. For example, we now have, with the assistance of a qualified attorney, a gift trust format that allows one to donate a collection to ISASC, with the donor maintaining possession for the remainder of his/her life and gaining a tax advantage now. You may have one or two scales you consider to be of particular historic significance that you would like to pledge to ISASC for our future museum, rather than your entire collection. Your committee is eager to help in such cases also.

All members of the Endowment Committee are ready to discuss these concepts with you at your convenience. the first step is yours. We encourage you to plan for your collection's future.
Jerry Wilson, Chairman. Members: Mary Anne Murphy, Steve Beare, Bill Doniger, Betty Wright.

Steve Beare, Membership Chairman and Web Site Coordinator

I would like to report and welcome the following new members since the start of 2003:

David Barnes, Oak Harbor, Ohio	Ricardo Chaufan, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Arthur Cote, Marshfield, Mass.	James Davis, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Wim DeBruyn, Sun Lakes, Arizona	Bernardo Fernandez, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Stan Hanssen, Fairacres, New Mexico	Gregory Hill, Mira Loma, California
Joseph Keogh, Marion, Mass.	Viz Saraby, Toronto, Canada
Larry Wagerle, Hutchinson, Kansas	Danny Willis, Little Rock, Arkansas
Don Zeller, Stockton, California	Catherine Panagakos, Greenville, SC

Please look them up in the new Membership Directory and give them a big welcome.

There are now over 150 new postal scales posted on the web site Gallery, largely through the generosity of President Emeritus Bob Stein. We received many nice comments about the new look to the site, which was recently done by our webmaster, Mike Souders, antiquemed@aol.com. The web site could be further improved through additional member participation. If each member submitted a picture and description for just one prized scale, we would have another 300 scales in the Gallery.

The new password for the Member's Only area of the web site is roberval, all lower case. Here members will find a complete list of ISASC publications.

Members are requested to submit email changes as they occur to Steve Beare, stevebooks@aol.com and I will notify you of upcoming scale auctions. If you did not hear from me about the George Mallis coin scale and weight auction in early May, it means I did not have your current email address.

Upcoming Board of Directors' Election

Your Board of Directors consists of six members. Each year two seats on the Board are up for election. The two members whose three-year terms expire on December 31 2003, are Ruth Willard and Ed Konowitz, Treasurer. Ruth is a candidate for reelection. Ed has announced that he will not be a candidate for reelection. At a Board of Directors meeting on the Monday following the San Antonio Convention, Les Firth was nominated for election to the Board as Treasurer for the three year term starting January 1, 2004. At a later date each member will receive a ballot for the election for the two seats.

Analytical Scale Collection For Sale

Bob Stein sent me a letter earlier this year with the description of a collection of analytical scales owned by Michael Joyce of London, England, who wishes to sell them. He later sent me some pictures of the scales. This past spring, Steve Beare was in London and went to see the collection. Steve ended up buying several of the balances and had them sent home. Among the pictures Bob sent me, there were several beautiful examples of the analytical scale art. I am including this information if any member is particularly interested in this type of balance. If so, contact Michael Joyce, 13 Well Road, London NW3 1LH.

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Robert Holdaway -- 1915 - 2003

I am sorry to convey a message from Jerry Katz who reports that he was informed by son Richard that Robert Holdaway recently passed away in England at the age of 88. Bob was a long time member of ISASC Europe and a frequent visitor to our conventions. Both he and Richard came over many, many times for a visit. He will always be remembered for the plates he brought as gifts to be given away at our banquets. Around the rim of the plate is the heading "Institute of Trading Standards Administration" Bob retired from that organization. The plates had a Norman Rockwell type cartoon of a butcher and customer with the quote "To Every Action There Is An Equal And Opposite Reaction". They are both looking up at the scale and the butcher has his finger pressing down on the pan and the customer has her finger pressing up on the pan. I have one of his plates and I shall miss him.

Bits and Pieces "Clearinghouse"

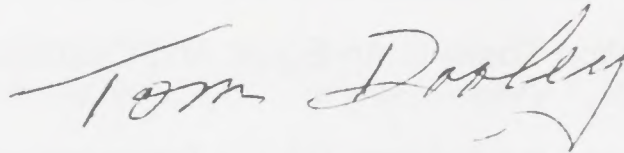
During a lull at the convention in San Antonio several members were sitting around in the hotel discussing scale matters and the subject came up regarding missing parts to otherwise perfectly good scales. As we all know, it is very difficult to find parts and, in fact, many of us have had to have parts fabricated. Ken Goodhue made the point that from time to time he secures surplus parts when he buys a scale that might be incomplete, but it has a part that he has been looking for. Someone came up with the idea that maybe we could have a

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section in this newsletter that could be used as a "clearinghouse" for people looking for parts, or specific weights ("I need a four ounce Avery bell weight to complete my set of 1/4 oz. to 14 pound Avery weights"), or catalogs. Here is our first entry:

Buffalo Scale Catalog Request by Bob Jibben ---- I am looking for copies of pictures of Buffalo Grain Scales (steelyard beam and bucket ----4 lb, 2 lb, and 8 oz type). I would like pictures from several different years of Buffalo scale catalogs. Please send or mail pictures along with the date of the catalog to Robert Jibben, 1821 West 49th Street, Minneapolis, MN, 55409, or mail to rmjibben@hotmail.com. Thanks for the assistance. I am using these for a potential Equilibrium article.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Dooley". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first and last names being clearly legible.

Tom Dooley, President
ISASC